



Town of East Windsor

Town Updates:

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a New Year filled with health and prosperity. Personally I had a busy December with the opportunity to participate in many state and local celebrations. Two of which had special significance. Long Time resident and former State Representative, Sophia Gedrim turned 100 in December and was honored by friends and family at a birthday celebration. While turning 100 in itself is quite a feat; the amount of living Mrs. Gedrim has packed into those hundred years is even more amazing. Happy Birthday to you Sophia Gedrim, good wishes and many thanks for all you have done for our community. During the month of December, I was also pleased to join Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz in paying tribute to the volunteer firefighters of both Broad Brook and Warehouse Point. Without these dedicated individuals we would find it very difficult to provide fire protection and related services to our community.

If the holidays have passed and the new year has arrived, can another budget process be far behind? Unfortunately, no! We hear continuously that this will be another difficult year for state and municipal budgets. With our governor predicting a state deficit and the economy as a whole on the slow down, I have to agree we have our work cut out for us. It's not the spending of money that is difficult, its raising revenues that creates a problem. Last year we received 21% of our income from state and federal funding, 7% from local revenues and Fund Transfers and the balance of 72% from property taxes. The current trend has been for municipalities to absorb more and more of the cost of providing services as the state contributes less and less. Just two years ago, 25% of the Town budget was funded by state and federal revenues, representing a transfer of 4% of the cost of providing services directly to local

taxpayers. Again this year, it appears that any increase in the budget will result in a direct increase in property taxes.

With this in mind, the Boards of Finance and Selectmen have requested that all Town Departments and any Agencies that receive funding from the Town submit a status quo budget for FYE 2006. In addition, the Board of Selectmen has been reviewing the various agencies that serve our Town to find ways to combine efforts and reduce cost.

What can you as a resident do to help? Two things! First, become active in the town budget process. Attend Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings and let your thoughts be known. Make the members of both boards aware of what services you consider essential and where cuts can be made if necessary. Second, contact our state legislators Senator Gary Le-Beau and Representative Ted Graziani. Let them know we cannot absorb any more decreases in the funding we receive from the state. They will be instrumental in developing the state budget over the next few months. Let them know how we are all personally affected by proposed cuts in Town funding. Tell them they must not continue to shift the tax burden to cities and towns during these tough times. If you would like more information on the Town budget process or ways to lobby our state legislators, please call me at 623-8122 or contact me by e-mail at lroberts@eastwindsorct.com.

I'd like to thank all of the volunteers that help with the governing of our Town and I encourage those of you who have never served on a board or commission to contact my office for more information.

Linda Roberts, First Selectman

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Community Corner

East Windsor Lions Club:



Game Dinner: On Sunday, February 6, 2005, there will be a Game Dinner hosted by the East Windsor's Lions Club at the K of C Hall, Broad Brook at 12:00 PM. Get ready for some scrumptious food prepared by the outstanding Game Dinner Volunteers. Tickets are \$20.00. Call Bob at 292-6848 for tickets and information.

Farmer's Breakfast: On Sunday, April 10th The East Windsor Lions Club will host an Old Fashioned Farmer's Breakfast. It will be held at the East Windsor High School on Route 5 in East Windsor. The Lions will be serving breakfast from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The cost will be \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.50 for Seniors, \$3.00 for children under ten and free for three years and under. Proceeds

will go to scholarships. For more information, call 623-0669.

Live and Silent Dinner Auction: On Saturday, April 30th, The East Windsor Lions and The Enfield Lions will co-sponsor this event for the benefit of Connecticut Low Vision Center. This event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Enfield and is open to the public. Admission is by advance ticket purchase **ONLY** (\$30.00 per person). The goal is to raise \$25,000. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Center. Our vision rehabilitation program is renowned internationally and funded entirely by donations. There is no cost to the clients for evaluation, aids and devices to enhance every day life. For more information and tickets, call 745-1500 or 741-5488. Anyone from Connecticut can use the Low Vision Center.

Marilyn Butenkoff
Lions Club

Parks and Recreation Department:



The East Windsor Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a Winter Carnival on **Saturday, February 5th from 12:00 -**

3:00 p.m. rain or shine at the Broad Brook Pond (outdoors) and the K of C Hall (indoors). There are plenty of activities for the entire family, which include, Ice Skating, a bonfire, ice sculptures, Siberian husky dog sled demo, face painting, game show mania, music by DJ Kevin Hale and food. So, be sure to mark this fun filled event on your calendar. Please come and enjoy our outdoor and indoor activities.

Parks and Recreation Department
627-6662

Town Directory

ASSESSOR	623-8878
BUILDING DEPT.	623-2439
CIVIL PREPAREDNESS	623-2174
DOG WARDEN	292-1962
E.W. HOUSING AUTHORITY	623-8467
FIRE MARSHAL	623-6292
FIRE BROAD BROOK	623-5940
FIRE WAREHOUSE POINT	623-5596
FIRST SELECTMAN	623-8122
HEALTH DEPT.	745-0383
HUMAN SERVICES (ANNEX)	623-2430
INLAND/WETLANDS	623-2302
PARKS & RECREATION	627-6662
PLANNING	623-6030
POLICE (ROUTINE)	292-8240
PROBATE COURT	644-2511
PUBLIC WORKS	292-7073
REGISTRAR'S (ANNEX)	292-5915



SENIOR SERVICES	292-8262
TAX COLLECTOR	623-8904
TOWN CLERK	292-8255
TOWN TREASURER	292-5909
VISITING NURSE (ANNEX)	623-2304
WATER POLLUTION	292-8264
ZONING OFFICIAL	623-2302
TOWN LIBRARIES	
BROAD BROOK	627-0493
WAREHOUSE POINT	623-5482
SCHOOLS	
SUPERINTENDENT	623-3347
BUSINESS OFFICE	623-3553
BIRTH TO SCHOOL	627-9741
BROAD BROOK SCHOOL	623-2433
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	623-4488
JR./SR.HIGH SCHOOL	623-3361

Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department (BBFD) is pleased to announce the appointment of the following Executive Officer positions for 2004. **President, Vinnie Lamay; Vice President, Bridgett Green; Secretary, Christina Long; Treasurer, Bruce Bois.**

On Friday, December 3, 2004, Broad Brook and Warehouse Point firefighters were honored with a Public Service Award from the Secretary of the State, **Susan Bysiewicz**. The Public Service Award was created to give dedicated volunteer firefighters the recognition they deserve, and by highlighting the vital role that they play in our state.



Pictured from left to right (front row) Jane Simpkins, Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz, Christina Long, Bridgett Green, First Selectman of East Windsor Linda Roberts, Ernie Teixeira, and Julie Lech. Pictured from left to right (back row) Joe Graveline, Steven Long, Bill Loos, Jr., Tom Arcari and Jeff Huffmire.

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its second annual "Comedy Nite" fundraiser on Saturday, March 19, 2005. The evening will feature three comedians. The Show will be held at the East Windsor High School. The evening will begin with a social time from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. where hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts will be served. The doors will open for the show at 8:00 p.m. and the show will begin at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket and includes the social, entry into the raffle prize drawings and the show. Please contact Christina Long at 627-5832 if you would like to purchase tickets. This evening is recommended for adults only. All proceeds benefit the Broad Brook Fire Department.

TICKETS GO ON SALE IN JANUARY!



FACTS ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

WHAT CO IS: Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas. It is a common by-product of incomplete combustion, produced when fossil fuels like wood, coal, charcoal, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, or oil burn.

WHERE CO COMES FROM: Carbon Monoxide can be produced by gas or oil appliances like a furnace, clothes dryer, range, oven, water, heater, or space heater. When appliances and vents work properly, and there is enough fresh air in your home to allow complete combustion, the trace amounts of CO produced are typically not dangerous.

WHY CO IS DANGEROUS: CO robs your blood of oxygen. When you inhale carbon monoxide, it bonds with the hemoglobin in your blood, displacing life-giving oxygen. This produces a toxic compound in your blood called "Carboxyhemoglobin" (COHb). Over time, exposure to CO can make you sick. Victims exposed to enough carbon monoxide can suffer brain damage, or even die.

SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING: **Mild exposure:** Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, flu-like symptoms. **Medium exposure:** Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate. **Extreme exposure:** Convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure. Exposure can lead to brain damage and death.

WHERE TO INSTALL A CO DETECTOR: Install at least one CO alarm near or in each separate sleeping area. For added protection, install an additional CO alarm at least 15-20 feet away from the furnace or fuel burning heat sources. Also, locate CO alarms at least 10 feet from sources of humidity like bathrooms and showers. In two story houses, install one CO alarm on each level of the home. If you have a basement, install that CO alarm at the top of the basement stairs.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN THE CO ALARM SOUNDS: Call 911 and move everyone immediately to fresh air-outdoors. Do not re-enter the premises. Source- <http://www.firstalert.com>.

RECRUITMENT Please visit our website for more information at <http://www.broadbrook.org>

Christina Long, Department Secretary

Senior Services

On **February 8th, 15th, 22nd** and March 1st we will once again be hosting our **AARP Income Tax Assistance Program**. This is a scheduled program at no cost for low to moderate income senior clients. Please call the Senior Center at 292-8262 to make an appointment.

We will have a **Weight Loss/Nutrition Program** beginning in **March 2005**. This is sponsored by a grant from the North Central Health Department. Please call North Central at 745-0383 for more information and registration.



Our regular exercise programs start up again after the winter hiatus. Our popular **ACTIVE exercise class** will restart **March 7th**. This class is offered through a grant from North Central Health and for first time participants there is no cost to attend the session. Registration information call 745-0383.

Our next **Foxwoods trip** will be Tuesday **March 15th**. The package includes \$10.00 food credit, \$15.00 keno coupon, transportation and drivers tip. Your cost is \$15.00. Please call the center after the first of the year to sign up.

Our **55 Alive Safe Drivers course** will be held on **Tuesday & Wednesday, April 26th & 27th**. This course always fills up months in advance; please call the center if you are interested in joining us. Cost is \$10.00 per person and the course runs from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. both days.

Monthly Socials are held on the **fourth Thursday** of the month and features live entertainment. This is the day to pick up your new calendar and sign up for upcoming activities. Join us for lunch at noon and enjoy your afternoon with friends. Lunch cost \$2.00.

Transportation Services is a “by appointment only” program serving the needs of those 60 years of age or older (or otherwise eligible) for Medical appointments/daily living needs. Call 292-8261 for an appointment.

Our Nutrition Program offers a hot nutritious lunch from CRT for a nominal cost of \$2.00, Mon. - Fri. in our Senior Community Café. Monthly Menus are available at the Center as well as publicized in your local newspaper. Reservations must be made at least a day in advance by calling 292-8279.

We are located at 125 Main Street, Broad Brook. You can also find information on the town website **www.eastwindsor-ct.gov**, click on Senior Services and follow the links from there. For your convenience, Calendars & Programs are posted throughout town buildings.

Laura Clynych, Director Senior Services

East Windsor Veterans Commission

Greetings from the East Windsor Veterans Commission. By the time you read this, Christmas will be over and the New Year begun. We all hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Our last article was mainly about the 5k road race held on Veterans Day, and it was again successful with over 200 runners/walkers. We also want to say a special THANK YOU to all of our sponsors. Without you we could not been successful. The next important holiday for the Veterans Commission will be Memorial Day on May 30, 2005 with the Parade starting at the Town Hall Annex. We hope that you can all be out to watch our Veterans parading and/or riding. There will be a ceremony on the green in Warehouse Point after the parade at 11:00 A.M. Again we will be sponsoring an Essay Contest for the students in the Middle School and High School and a poster contest for the youngsters in the

Broad Brook School. We hope that all of the students will enter this contest as there will be savings bonds given out to the best essays and posters. We would also like to remind everyone to consider a donation of \$35.00 to replace some of the flags along Main Street in Warehouse Point and Broad Brook. The flag donation can be in memory of Veterans or current servicemen/women. We also want to thank all of the Veterans and Military serving to day for our freedom. THANK YOU.

The Soldier's, Sailor' and Marines' fund mission is to provide temporary financial assistance to meet, or assist in meeting, the health and maintenance requirements of eligible veterans who demonstrate need through the provision of food, apparel, shelter, fuel, utilities, medical care and burial expenses. for info. Call Fred McDermott at 794-0786.

(Please Print)

Parade Flag Coupon

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Flag purchased by: _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____

Send \$35.00 donation checks to:

East Windsor Veteran's Commission, Town of East Windsor
P.O. Box 389, Broad Brook, CT. 06016



Warehouse Point Library Association

Library News:

Winter Happenings in the Children Department are beginning soon. Winter Story Times start at the Warehouse Point Library in early January. A Story Time for 3,4,5 and 6 year olds will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting on January 4th. There will be two sessions, Tuesday afternoon beginning January 5th thru February 22nd from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. and Thursday mornings starting January 6th thru February 24th from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Both programs are limited to 15 children.

The Library is also offering Two-Somes for two year olds and a caregiver, for one session on Friday mornings beginning January 7th thru

February 25th. Only children who are two years old by January 7th may register. We are offering only one session this season. The programs are limited to 10 children and registration is required. Both Story-Times and Two-Somes require registration prior to the beginning of the programs. You may register over the phone at 623-5482 or at the main desk at the library.

New Books to try:

Do you need something to read? Try these new titles. *Candle in the Darkness* by Lynn Austin; *The Splitting Storm* by Rene Gutteridge; *When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops* by George Carlin; *The Darlings* by Mary Higgins Clark; *A Catered Murder* by Iris Crawford; *The Coffin Trail* by Martin

Edwards; *Sacred Stone* by Katie Fforde; *White Out* by Ken Follett; *By Order of the President* by W.E.B. Griffin; *The Outpost* by Gerald Hammond; *Plains Crazy* by J.M. Hates; *Skeleton Man* by Tony Hillerman; *The Last Dark Place* by Stuart Kaminsky; *Life Expectancy* by Dean Koontz; *Complete Western Stories* by Elmore Leonard; *The Lazarus Vendetta* by Robert Ludlum; *Too Far* by Mike Lupica; *Wild Rose* by Ruth Aztell Marren; *Double Tap* by Steve Martini; *Jingle All the Way* by Fern Michaels.

The Library will be closed on Monday January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Vincent Bologna, Library Director

The Opera House Players (Formerly The St. Martha Players)



Director: Paula Cortis, Musical Director: Amy Crawford

Show Dates

February 11 thru 28 Fri, Sat, Sun

It's a perfect Valentine's Day gift. Join us for eight Broadway shows in one when "Jerry's Girls" celebrate the songs of veteran composer Jerry Herman. Take a trip down a melodic memory lane with three dozen showstoppers, ballads and good-time tunes from *Hello Dolly*, *Mame*, *La Cage Aux Folles* and five more shows. It's a party with friends that you just can't miss. Herman writes music that stands alone away from the stage, songs like *We Need A Little Christmas*, *The Best of Times*, *Bosom Buddies*, *Tap Your Troubles Away*, *I am What I Am* and, of course, the famous title songs of *Dolly* and *Mame*.

We are located at 107 Main St., Broad Brook



Box Office 860-292-6068

Director: Sharon FitzHenry,

Musical Director: Amy Crawford

Show Dates

April 29 thru May 15 Fri, Sat, Sun

Twain's timeless classic sweeps us down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming, bringing to life your favorite characters from the novel: the Widow Douglas and her stern sister, Miss Watson; the uproarious King and Duke, who may or may not be as harmless as they seem; Huck's partner in crime, Tom Sawyer, and their rowdy gang of pals; Huck's drunken father, the sinister Pap Finn; the lovely Mary Jane Wilkes and her trusting family. Propelled by an award winning score from Roger Miller, the king of country music, this jaunty journey provides a brilliantly theatrical celebration of pure Americana.

Human Services

PAULINE'S STOCK POT

KITCHEN: Pauline's Stock Pot Kitchen will be serving **Free** hot, nutritious meals from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates for the year 2005; February 18, 22 & 25; March 18, 22 & 29; April 22, 26 & 29. Pauline's serves a dinner to all that enter. We are located at Wesley United Methodist Church, 55 South Main Street in East Windsor.

STOCK POT KITCHEN FUND

RAISER: The Stock Pot Kitchen is having a Fund Raiser to help support the Stock Pot Kitchen to be held on Sat. Feb. 12th at 6:00 p.m. - Turkey dinner, musical entertainment & auction. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 a person

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Local Organization are in need of Volunteers! Do you have time on your hands? People of all ages are welcome to come and volunteer. Please consider calling one of the organizations listed and offering your time. Keep in mind that these volunteering options are ongoing through the year, but please do call the listed telephone numbers before you go to the site in the event that scheduling has changed.



Pauline's Stock Pot Kitchen, contact is Rev. Marion Grant @ 623-0198. Volunteering consists of setting up, serving and cleaning 2 or 3 times per month for the free dinner program

offered by Wesley United Methodist Church.

FIVE CORNER CUPBOARD AND HUMAN SERVICES

We are in need of the following items for their food banks, cereals, juice coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, tuna fish, jelly, peanut butter, canned meats, stuffing mixes, quick fix foods, crackers, paper towels, toilet tissue, laundry & dish detergent & personal care items. **Hunger is a year round NEED!** Call 623-2430, Human Services or 623-6663, First Congregational Church for more information.

Elizabeth Burns,

Human Services Coordinator

East Windsor Police Explorers



I want to thank everyone for their help and support of the East Windsor Police Explorer program. This will provide our participants with the opportunity to attend in the upcoming Police Explorers Academy held at East Connecticut State University, during July of 2005. We have raised over \$2000.00 over the last several months, however we are still \$1000.00 short of reaching our goal to send all of our kids to the Academy. We will be sponsoring several more fundraiser events and coordinate other activities with various community events.

U.S.A. Hauling & Recycling Inc., and The East Windsor Chamber of Commerce have each sponsored one of our youth to attend the Explorer's Academy. I would also like to thank other businesses that donated generously to the program: Sign*A*Rama, Swede's Jewelers, March Motorcycle Co., Inc., Showcase Cinema's in East Windsor, Thunder Hill The Cars are the Stars, Herb Holden Trucking, Inc., Morning Star Lodge, Surrounding Floral & Gifts, Le Blanc Family Dentistry, The Broad Brook, Co., F.M. Fay Ass., Balch, Knights of Columbus, Don's Auto Ctr., Riverview Pizza, Southern Auto Sales, Inc., Boutin & Sons Con-

struction Co. Inc. and Kement & Son Construction, Inc.

The Police Explorers have also been working together with the Warehouse Point Fire Department Juniors. It has provided the opportunity for the two organizations to work together, providing positive alternatives and direction to youth of East Windsor.

I look forward to seeing everyone out at the various Parades & functions the town will be hosting in the upcoming year!

Marisol Flores, E. W. Police Officer

Connecticut Trolley Museum

Spring is right around the corner and the Connecticut Trolley Museum will be open for the first time ever in March on Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Think Spring and join us for a trolley ride on our three-mile round trip. When we round the corner into April we

will keep the same schedule being open on Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our full season begins May 2nd when we are open for our full schedule, open everyday of the week except Tuesday's.

Remember there's a lot to do at the Museum; tour the Visitors Center and

the Connecticut Fire Museum and don't forget to visit the Whistle Stop Deli for a delicious meal or snack. Our Gift Shop has also been newly renovated with some great souvenirs. You can contact us at 627-6540 or www.ceraweb.org.

Barbara Grimaldi

Human Services

ConnPACE

ConnPACE is a state program that helps eligible senior or disabled Connecticut residents pay for certain prescription drugs, insulin, and insulin syringes. There is an annual registration fee of \$30.00. Participants pay \$16.25 for each prescription and ConnPACE pays the rest. The **NEW INCOME LIMITS** for ConnPACE are: Single Person \$21,400, Married Couple \$28,900

Apply now if you are disabled and receiving Social Security benefits or are age 65 or older. If you have any questions or need assistance with completing the application, please contact East Windsor Human Services at 860-623-2430.



Energy Assistance

Do you need help paying home heating bill? The 2004/2005 energy season is underway, so gather your necessary income and asset information for the year 2004 or 2005 and make your application. Required documents are: copies of your 2004 or 2005 utility bills, four consecutive weekly pay stubs, Social Security and Pension or Veterans benefits, dividends and interest statements, and rent verification. It is important to apply for energy assistance for deliverable fuel by February 28, 2005 to be able to obtain your maximum benefits. Appointments for energy applications can be made by calling East Windsor Human Services at 860-623-2430.

Elizabeth Burns, Human Services Coordinator

Renters

Applications will be taken for tax relief of Elderly and Totally Disabled persons starting May 18, 2005. It is important now that you save your income and proof of expenses information from 2004. The income limits for the Renters Program is as follows: Single Applicants is \$27,100 and Married Applicants is \$33,000. Gather your 2004 information and save the date of May 2, 2005 to schedule an appointment. Call Human Services at 623-2430 to set up your appointment or if you have any additional questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Local Organizations are in need of Volunteers! Do you have time on your hands? People of all ages are welcome to come and volunteer at one of the organizations listed below. Please consider calling one of them and offering your time.

Pauline's Stock Pot Kitchen:

Contact Reverend Marion Grant at 623-0198

Five Corner Cupboard:

Contact Dee at 623-0669

Second Chance Clothes Closet:

Contact Human Services at 623-2430

E.W. Community Partnership for Education:

Contact Human Services at 623-2430

Connecticut Trolley Museum:

Contact Barbara Grimaldi at 627-6540

East Windsor Chamber of Commerce



The East Windsor Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the opening of its first office located at 20A Pasco Drive, Pasco Commons, East Windsor. While continuing to promote East Windsor "Where the Sun Rises on Business," another focus of the Chamber will be to continue improving residents' lives as well with forums, community programs and well-endowed scholarships for students.

Any business interested in joining the Chamber, the membership cost is \$75.00 yearly. You may contact Jim Richards at 292-6776 or stop by the office.

WHP Junior Fifes & Drum



The Warehouse Point Junior Fifes & Drum Corps is currently recruiting for all positions. Membership is open to individuals between the ages of 8 and to 21. Musical experience is not necessary. Please call Robin Niemitz at 860-745-0765 for more information.

Robin Niemitz, Warehouse Point Fifes & Drums Corps

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2005

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Phone: 860-623-8122
Fax: 860-623-4798

If you would like your event listed in the next Town Newsletter, please submit in writing to: Newsletter, P.O. Box 389, Broad Brook, CT. 06016 or e-mail jbrowne@eastwindsorct.com

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Sat. Feb. 5th	Winter Carnival at Broad Brook Pond & K of C Hall
Sat., Feb. 5th	Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall, 11 Rye St., Broad Brook
Sat., Feb. 12	Stock Pot Fund Raiser - Dinner, Musical Entertainment & Auction
Sun., March 13th	Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall, 11 Rye St., Broad Brook
Mon., May 30th	Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade beginning in Warehouse Point

Town Hall Closings

Feb. 11th	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 21st	Presidents' Birthday
March 25th	Good Friday
May 30th	Memorial Day



WPCA

You can now check the balance of your sewer user account online Please Follow these instructions. Go to:

www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/Home/, Click on Town Agencies, Click on Water Pollution Control Authority, Choose Link - Check Your Sewer User Account.

Spring Yard Clean-Up Scheduled

The Town of East Windsor has contracted with **Waste Management** to have a Spring Yard clean up the week of **May 16th through May 20th**. Please remember this is not a BULK pickup. Yard waste and brush are to be left curbside on your regular scheduled day. Yard waste must be in paper biodegradable bags. Brush must be bundled and cut into 4 foot lengths and less than 6" in diameter. **Waste Management** will be doing the pickup in special trucks, not the regular trash truck. **Waste Management #289-7850**.

REMINDER

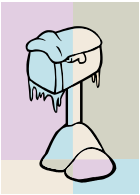
Waste Management resident contact #289-7850

Waste Management is contracted by the Town to pick up trash and recyclables on a weekly basis. Trash and recyclables need to be placed at curbside by 6 am on your pickup day. **Metal Items** for example, washers, dryers, stoves, etc. will be picked up by special request. Please call **Waste Management** at 289-7850 to request this service. **Bulky waste** for example; sofas, chairs, mattresses, etc. can be put out with your weekly trash. Please limit these to one or two items per week. Items that **CANNOT**, be put at curbside include construction/building materials for example sinks, toilets cement and hazardous waste. Brush, grass clippings, tree limbs and yard waste not picked up at scheduled times can be taken to Greencycle located in Ellington, call 871-7442 for a nominal fee.



Public Works/Highway Department

MAILBOX SURVIVAL: Snow thrown against a mailbox is often sufficient to cause damage to a less than perfect installation. Moisture content of the snow varies between storms, the higher the moisture content the heavier the snow will be. You may wish to experiment by filling a recycling box with snow from somewhere on your lawn and note how heavy it feels. Then empty it and refill it with the slushy snow from the end of the driveway. You may need help to lift it. This snow, mixed with the snowmelt caused by salt and traffic may be ten or more times as heavy.



HELP US HELP YOU: Inspect your mailbox post for age, cracks, dry rot and deterioration at the bottom where the post goes into the ground prior to winter. Posts with cracks, dry rot, or deterioration at the bottom are likely to fail when wet snow hits them.

Keep in mind that the larger the mailbox the more square inches of area is exposed to the force of the snow. A larger more sturdy post and mount are needed to support the load.

Heavy snow coming off the plow blade will often knock over and damage mailboxes that haven't been adequately mounted or braced; or those mailboxes whose doors have been left open. Also private contractors, home owners clearing snow, errant motorist, etc., damage mailboxes. The town will not compensate for mailboxes in these situation.



The Town has a reimbursable program setup based on the approval of the Director of Public Works or his designee that a plow physically damaged the mailbox/post. Approval for reimbursement is based on observation of cut marks on the mailbox and/or post, paint off the plow blade and other factors.

Len Norton, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, #292-7073